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NOTICE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI

THE P. & O. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BOKHARA,"

will leave for the above Place TO-DAY, the

13th inst., at 4 p.m.

E. L. WOODIN,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1891.

DOUGLAS SHIPMANSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW,

THE Company's Steamship

"HATTAN,"

Captain Ashton, will be despatched for the above

Port-to-MOROW, the 14th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LALAPRAT & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1891.

CHEFOO.

TO LET, FURNISHED,

TILL 10TH JULY.

M. R. CAMPBELL'S BUNGALOW

on the EAST BEACH.

For particulars apply to

M. R. CAMPBELL,

Shanghai.

TO LET, AT THE PEAK,

(PARTLY FURNISHED).

"B" ROCKEYARD'S

a detached House, situated upon MOUNT GOON, about

Seven Minutes' walk from PLANTATION ROAD

STATION, and from which is obtained a magni-

ficent view of the Harbour and to sea.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

J. A. DE CARVALHO,

Hongkong, 13th April, 1891.

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NOTICE.

THE EXHIBITION OF

JAPANESE ART

WILL BE ON VIEW ON

TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW,

the 13th and 14th instant.

Refund will be made in the price to

the expense of packing, &c., to return to

Japan. At

Mr. W. S. MARSTEN'S OFFICE,

2, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1891.

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NOTICE.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

PIANO, ETC. ETC.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on SATURDAY, the 18th April, 1891,

at 2.30 P.M. sharp.

at the Residence of Capt. HARRIS,

No. 5, RICHMOND TERRACE,

The Whole of his

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

TAPESTRIES, COVED BEDS, DRAWING-

ROOM SUITE, CENTRE TABLE, COTT-

AGE PIANO, PICTURES, LACE CUR-

TAINS, FENDERS AND IRONS, ETC.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE AND

CHAIRS, WHEATSTONE, GLASS BACK

SIDEROBOARD, ETC., PLATED

GLASS AND CROCKERY WARE, CUT-

LETS, ETC. ETC.

DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEAD WITH PA-

PATENT WIRE MATTRESS, ETC. ETC.

MARBLE-TOP WASH-STAND AND DRESSING

TABLE, WARDROBE WITH MIRROR FRONT,

BED-ROOM FURNITURE, ETC. ETC.

Also

A JAPANESE RICKSHA, nearly new.

FLOWERS AND PLANTS IN POTS.

etc. etc.

Catalogues will be issued prior to sale, and the

above will be on view on Friday P.M.

TERMS OF SALE—Carriage delivery.

G. B. LAMBERT,

Antonietta.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1891.

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NOTICE.

DAKIN BROTHERS OF CHINA,

LIMITED,

CHEMISTS

AND

AERATED WATER MANUFAC-

TUBES.

DAKIN'S SELTZER WATER

Contains the true Seltzer Salt.

Makes a more palatable drink with Spirits

than Soda Water.

No lowering tendency.

In Largest Size Bottles

50 cents per dozen.

TELEPHONE No. 60.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR FOOCHEW AND TIENSIN.

The Steamer

"SINGAN,"

from GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL,

PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby in-

formed that all Goods are being landed

at their risk, into the Godowns of the Kowloon

and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence

and/or from the wharves delivery may

be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice

to the contrary be given before 10 A.M.

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STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND

NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA).

THE Company's Steamship

"GENERAL WEDDER."

Captain M. Bickel, will be present for the above Ports

or about the 10th inst.

For further particulars apply to

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Agents.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND

CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"

will be despatched above on

WEDNESDAY, the 13th inst., at Noon.

The steamer super first-class accom-

modation, specially constructed to meet the

requirements of tropical climates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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TO LET,

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TILL 10TH JULY.

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## INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG TRADING CO., LIMITED.

S. S.

(Specially Selected)

WHISKEY

Acknowledged the Best and commands the largest sale of any Whiskies in China or Japan

\$10.00 PER GALLON.

HONGKONG TRADING COMPANY LTD.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

SOLE AGENTS for EMPIRE PALE ALE and EXTRA STOUT.

12 GOLD MEDALS &amp; 5 SILVER MEDALS

By Appointment.

KUHN &amp; CO., YOKOHAMA.

(Established, 1868.)

THE ORIENTAL FINE ART DEPOT.

Known as the Oldest and most reliable Estab-

lishment in the East.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1891.

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WINES AND SPIRITS

BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED,

(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

HONGKONG.

We invite attention to the following old hand-edited brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London House, and bought direct from the most noted shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state the article required, and the size or bottle wanted, and the letter for quality desired.

Order through Local Post or by Telegram - receive prompt attention.

POETS. (For Infaits and general use.)

Per doz.

A Alto Douro, good quality.

B Green Capsule..... \$10 \$1.00

C Vintage, superior quality.

Red Capsule..... 12 1.10

D Fine Old Vintage, super-

ior quality, Black Seal Capsule..... 14 1.25

E Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)..... 18 1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner

Wine, Green Seal Capsule..... 6 0.80

B Superior Pale Dry dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule..... 7.50 0.75

C Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule..... 10 1.00

CU Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule..... 10 1.00

D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, dinner wine, White Seal Capsule..... 12 1.10

E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very fine quality, Red Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)..... 14 1.25

F. Case. Par doz.

G. Quarts. Pints.

CLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule..... \$4 4.50

B St Estephe, Red Capsule..... 4.50 5.00

C St Julian..... 7 7.50

D La Rose..... 11 12.00

Per doz. Cases. Per Bot.

BRANDY.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule..... \$12 \$1.10

B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule..... 14 1.25

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule..... 18 1.50

D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872..... 24 2.00

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Cap-

seal, Molten Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark..... 8 0.75

C Watson's A. Labour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark..... 8 0.75

D Watson's H. &amp; D. Blend, the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule..... 10 1.00

E Watson's Very Old Malt Scotch Whisky, Red Cap-

seal..... 12 1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A John Jameson's Old Green Capsule..... 8 0.75

B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule..... 10 1.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule..... 12 1.10

GLENFIDDICH BOURBON WHISKY.

A Fine Old, Red Capsule, with Name..... 10 1.00

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A Fine Old Tom, White Cap-

seal..... 4.50 0.40

B Fine Unpeated, White Capsule..... 4.50 0.40

C Fine A. V. H. Green Capsule..... 5.25 0.50

LIQUEURS.

Aineas, Macintosh, Curacao, Dr. Sieger's Angostura Bitters, &amp;c.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 18TH, 1891.

It was unfortunate for the Hon. T. H. Whitehead and the Hon. J. J. Kewicx that the revenue returns for last year, which appear in Saturday's *Press*, had not been published before the meeting of the Legislative Council on Friday. Had the hon. gentlemen been in possession of the figures they would hardly have given utterance to the misleading statements they did regarding the revenue and the general condition of the Colony. Mr. Whitehead says: "The revenue shows unmistakable signs of instability and 'shrinkage.' Mr. Kewicx is 'satisfied' that the revenue of the Colony is declining." As a matter of fact the revenue of last year showed an increase on that of the previous year of less than \$171,671. From this sum must be deducted the Gap Rock light dues, which were only imposed last year, amounting to some \$40,000. This reduces the increase to \$131,600 in round numbers, and this notwithstanding a decline of \$33,000 in the stamp revenue, a decline which there cannot be the least doubt will in the course of a year or two be more than recovered. The total expenditure of the Colony was \$1,116,800, including a sum of plant

\$400,000 for extraordinary public works, which might appropriately be paid for by means of a loan. The ordinary expenditure of the Colony was a little over \$1,500,000, against a revenue, exclusive of the Gap Rock light dues, of \$1,955,000. Mr. Whitehead asks for "some definite indications that the fate which overtook the Island of St. Thomas, and with which His Excellency has threatened us, may not be ours." No better indication can be asked for than the figures above quoted. With the exception of stamps no item of the revenue shows any considerable decline, while several show substantial increases. And of the deficit in stamp no less than \$13,609 comes under the heading of transfer of shares and of conveyance or assignment, due to the cessation of the gambling boom in the share and property market. The amount collected as assessed taxes increased by nearly \$40,000, notwithstanding the list of successful miners (girls) at the Chinese Locality, which I am informed, was of Mr. N. N. Nishigawa of Tokyo, Japan, the appraiser. She was under private tuition at the T. L. T. Fitzjohn, M.A., was examined at the Gloucester centre, and was distinguished in German. The name appears in the list of junior students between sixteen and seventeen years of age.

The mortality returns for 1890 are published in the *Castles*. There were 171 deaths among the British and foreign civil community, and among the garrison, and 33 among the native population, giving a rate of 43.65 among the natives. The rate of death is 1,040; death rate, 385; fever, 1,076; marasmus, 193; other causes, 75.Say the London and *China Express*:—"Sir John Wellesley, the British Minister at Peking, it is virtually dead, return home this spring. Should Sir John return it is almost certain that he would not be received at the Foreign Office as Chargé d'Affaires during the absence of a Minister. It is curious how all the senior officials seem to get moved at the same time when changes are made in the personnel of the Legation at Peking."A comparative statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Colony in 1889 and 1890 is published in the *Castles* which places the revenue of 1890 at \$1,955,200.47 as against \$1,833,439.13 in 1889, an increase of \$121,671.67. Of this increase, however, \$40,000 must be deducted as being out of the light dues which have been temporarily suspended and should be kept in a separate account, having nothing to do with the general revenue. The expenditure on the light dues should also be withdrawn from this account few.

We do not wish to underrate the severity of the crisis through which Hongkong has been passing, and which we hope and believe is now approaching its end, but we think we have sufficiently shown that there is nothing to justify the withdrawal of the promised increase in official salaries. Both Mr. Kewicx and Mr. Whitehead admit that some increase is due, and if the amount recommended is as we believe, somewhat excessive, we can only regret that the unofficial members were not vigilant enough to prevent the excess at the time. They will have opportunities in future of making up for their confessed laches by exercising increased vigilance in checking the addition of unnecessary offices. For instance, we are told that the Colonial Treasurer is about to recommend an increase to the staff of the Treasury "in order to enable it to satisfactorily undertake the duties with regard to the examining and checking of accounts." It will be the business of the unofficial members to ascertain why the alleged necessity of this increased staff was not made known at the time the Council was asked to sanction the recent change in the department and the increased salary of the Colonial Treasurer. It almost seems as if it were a rule in the Government Services as soon as an increase of salary is granted for any office to ask for additional clerks to do the work of the gentleman who has obtained the increase.

The *Castles* man-of-war, *Boar*, arrived at Shanghai on the 4th ult. from Nagasaki.The departure of the O. & C. steamer *Belphegor* has been postponed to 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

An instalment of our serial tale which we were unable to give on Saturday for want of space appears to-day on the fourth page.

According to a Chinese native paper, a new Chinese bank has been started in Shanghai under the name of the China Exchange Bank.

It is reported (says the *Castles*) that Viscount Achi is to accompany Count Ito to China, the revision of the Treaty between China and Japan being the object of the visit.

A meeting of the Committee of the Straits Association held on the 2nd inst. a letter was read from Mr. Thomas Scott, Secretary of the Straits Association in London, with reference to the question of concluding an alliance with the Chinese.

The Chinese case has been commenced in Australia, the facts of which are reported as follows:—A dispute has arisen between the Customs authorities at the port of Woonong and the Chinese miners, who have descended into a great a mine, which is still occupying the attention of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The Chinese miners, from Brisbane, brought Sydney a Chinese priest, named Ching Quock, who had with him a Chinese and five children. Quock and his wife had settled in Queensland, and he had there in any other of the colonies. Sir Henry Parkes, in reply, stated that Queensland naturalization papers were useless in New South Wales, and that therefore Quock could not land, though his wife and children might.

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Crown Colonies. The Chinese Association at Crown Colonies, which is not to anything until Hongkong moves them. As, however, Hongkong has no Hongkong Association either in Hongkong or in Peking, it was agreed to write to Mr. Ryki in Hongkong to ask him to form a provisional committee, with whom the Straits Association would be in communication.

A letter has been received in Peking, from the Chinese object. The *Castles* remarks:—The want of some organised political body in Hongkong and Canton is at present a serious drawback to carrying on any effective negotiations.

It is a want that could be easily rectified if the usual methods were adopted, and the Chinese would be in a position to do so.

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